

## ALCOHOL

**Alcohol** — It's perfectly fine to drink alcohol (Genesis 14:18; Deuteronomy 7:13, 14:26). We are even commanded to drink a little wine each year at the Passover/Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:27-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-29). But we should always drink alcohol in moderation and never get drunk—as drunkards will NOT inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

**Genesis 14:18** — Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and *wine*; he was the priest of God Most High.

**Deuteronomy 7:13** — And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; he will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new *wine* and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you.

**Deuteronomy 14:26** — And you shall spend that money for whatever your heart desires: for oxen or sheep, for *wine or similar drink*, for whatever your heart desires; you shall eat there before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household.

**Matthew 26:27-29** — Then He took the *cup [of wine]*, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “*Drink* from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not *drink of this fruit of the vine* from now on until that day when I *drink* it new with you in My Father's kingdom.”

**I Corinthians 11:17-29** — Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse. For first of all, when you come

together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you. Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the *Lord's Supper*. For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is *drunk*. What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you. *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."* In the same manner *He also took the cup [of wine] after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."* *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.* Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and *so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.* For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

**I Corinthians 6:9-10** — WEB — Or don't you know that the unrighteous will NOT inherit the kingdom of God? Don't be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor *drunkards*, nor slanderers, nor extortioners, will inherit the kingdom of God.